

June - July 2009

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



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Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!



As you may be aware, our annual election has come and gone with Lonnie Martin retaining his seat as Chairman and John Paul Darden gaining the Vice-Chairman's position. The Council welcomes John Paul Darden back to the council table as Vice-Chairman and also thanks Tricia Mora for her hard work and dedication during her terms. For the two School Board seats, Jill Louviere and Katherine Vilcan were re-elected. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the candidates for running clean campaigns and conducting themselves in a professional manner.

In addition to the Tribal leader election results, a very historical event took place on Election Day. The first ever Constitutional Amendment to be placed on the ballot and pass by a majority vote occurred by a 3:1 margin. As you will recall, this proposition was requested by a majority vote of the General Council at the June 2008 General Meeting and then followed upon by the Tribal Council to bring this matter to a Tribal wide vote. The Amendment provides that a Council Member shall forfeit his/her position for a conviction of a serious crime, a positive drug test for an illegal drug, or for a refusal to submit to the Tribe's drug policies and testing. Further, this Amendment declares our Tribe's intent to have our elected leaders be positive examples for our community, our employees, patrons and business relations by demonstrating good judgment, character and trustworthy conduct. By amending the Constitution to apply our long established drug policies to include our elected Council Members, we are simply demonstrating our commitment to a complete drug free environment for our government to best serve our people.

As required by our Constitution, the Tribal Election Board has already forwarded the certified election results to the Bureau of Indian Affairs who originally authorized the Amendment election. The Secretary of Interior will review the results and we expect a formal letter of approval and confirmation of the election results in the very near future. Once that approval letter is received, the Constitutional Amendment will be in full force and effect.

Also of importance, at the June 13th General Meeting, the Council reported updates on several development initiatives taking place. Since then, there has been progress in moving some of the projects forward and we would like to elaborate in greater detail. Two of these projects include the F&S Development Hotel located in Raintree Village as well as the casino performance and development analysis.

In past Newsletters and General Meetings, a proposal by the F&S Development firm has been presented regarding the acquisition of 4 acres of property within Raintree Village at the intersection of East Loop Road and Ralph Darden Memorial Parkway for the construction of a hotel. The Tribe and F&S Development recently closed on this 4 acre tract of land on June 30th.

Notes from the Council Table Continued...

The construction drawings for the 48 room hotel are completed and bidding should occur very soon. For anyone that would like to view the external elevations and interior floor plan drawings of the proposed hotel, please feel free to stop at the Development Office.

Another project gaining traction is the casino performance and development analysis. As you will recall, a Requests for Proposals (RFP) was disbursed to many gaming advisory firms to perform an analysis on the performance of our existing gaming operations and to perform a feasibility study for a hotel and associated amenities that would be located adjacent to the Casino. A total of 7 responses was received and reviewed by a 5-member committee appointed by the Council that consisted of two Tribal administrative employees, one Council representative and two Casino employees.

The resulting recommendation from the committee to the Council was to engage The Innovation Group to perform the scope of services. The recommendation was accepted by the Council and a contract was executed. The Innovation Group has an extensive amount of experience in the gaming industry having worked for over 100 Tribes and within the commercial sector as well. Over \$40 billion have been invested on projects based on the recommendations produced by this firm; therefore, the Council feels comfortable that the independent opinions of the firm will help guide the future operations and development decisions associated with our gaming enterprise. The Innovation Group was on-site June 29th beginning their analysis portion of the contract. The estimated completion time of the study is 90 days.

In closing, we would like to point your attention to a survey included within this Newsletter pertaining to a proposed Constitutional amendment regarding the blood quantum requirement. It is extremely important that we receive your input on this issue and hope that all will participate.

Nito,

Your Tribal Council

Blood Quantum Questions & Answers

To date, the Tribal Council has presented information pertaining to a proposed constitutional amendment regarding the existing blood quantum requirements for enrollment into the Chitimacha Tribe in the last publication of the Newsletter, as well as through a presentation given at last month's General Meeting. It is the Council's intent to have this proposition placed on next year's General Election ballot for your consideration.

To determine what specific alternative will be placed within the language of this proposed amendment, the Council is asking for your input. A survey follows with five options. We ask that you take the time to present your thoughts on the matter through this survey and return it either by mail or it may be hand delivered and submitted into the survey box located in the lobby of the Tribal Headquarters Office. Emailed responses will also be accepted and should be addressed to any Council Member. The email addresses of all Council Members are given in the preface of this Newsletter. The comment period will remain open until August 13th, 2009.

The following presents several relevant questions and answers regarding the blood quantum issue.

1. **Question:** What is the existing membership blood quantum requirement within the Tribe's Constitution?

Answer: Currently, the Constitution requires that a candidate for enrollment be a lineal descendant of person(s) named within the Annuity Pay Roll of 1926 or the revised census roll of June 1959 and shall possess at least one-sixteenth (1/16) degree Chitimacha Indian Blood with appropriate documentation provided as evidence to prove their ancestry.

2. **Question:** How many members currently are enlisted with one-sixteenth (1/16) degree Chitimacha Indian Blood?

Answer: There are 183 existing members on the roll at the one-sixteenth (1/16) degree level. Also, of the 183 members, 40 are at or near child bearing age.

3. **Question:** How does this impact our Tribe?

Answer: Ultimately, the existing blood quantum requirement could eventually lead to the extinction of the Chitimacha Tribe. Inter-marriage amongst Chitimacha members has been a rare occurrence; therefore, the blood level of the proceeding generations continues to decrease.

4. **Question:** What is a solution to prevent extinction of our Tribe from occurring?

Answer: Amending the Constitutional requirement to extend the minimum blood level to a lesser degree can "fix" this issue. There is really an infinite amount of options for a minimal blood degree level. Another alternative is a change to lineal descendency.

5. **Question:** What is lineal descendency?

Answer: Lineal descendency eliminates a minimal blood quantum requirement all together. A potential candidate seeking membership would then only have to prove ancestry from individuals listed on the two base rolls mentioned above.

6. **Question:** How would extending the minimal blood requirement impact the Federal funding and services currently provided to our Tribe?

Blood Quantum - Q & A...continued

Answer: Naturally, the Tribe will continue to grow if an extension takes place. Theoretically, the larger the membership of a Tribe there is, more funding from the Federal government should be awarded as well. Unfortunately, this becomes a function of the national budget passed by legislature. The general trend in recent times has been either to reduce the funding towards Indian services or an allocation that reflects prior years. Present and past leadership of our Tribe have emphasized the importance of education. Not only is this thought a function of wanting our People to achieve a better quality of life, but also to accomplish the goal of all Indian Nations; that is, self sufficiency.

7. **Question:** What is the origin of a blood quantum requirement?

Answer: Although many non-Indian governments had accepted the blood quantum criteria as early as the late 1800's in defining who is "Indian" or not, the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was the turning point that Indian tribes recognized under this legislation began implementing these requirements within their governing constitutions based on the influence of "cookie-cutter" constitutions provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Typical membership requirements within these documents required a minimum blood quantum of 1/4th which many Tribes still recognize to this day. In addition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs still acknowledges this requirement for funding related to allocations to Indian individuals including college scholarships (Note: This currently impacts funds distributed to our Tribe from the BIA due to some Tribal member scholarship recipients not meeting this blood requirement. Tribal funds subsidize the remaining need for this Tribal service). Some have accepted the idea that this policy was created by the federal government to eventually lead to the extinction of Indian Tribes and further that this methodology for determining membership is a racist notion.

As stated on the previous page, please take a moment to answer this survey, cut it out, and send it to:

Survey

P. O. Box 661

Charenton, LA 70523

You may also hand deliver it to the Tribe's Main Office located at 155 Chitimacha Loop, Charenton, LA 70523 or e-mail your suggestions to any of the Council members (addresses found on page 2 of this newsletter).

Chitimacha Tribe of LA Blood Quantum Survey

What would your suggestion be regarding how to resolve the Tribe's Blood Quantum issue?:

☐ Leave it as is: (1/16)

☐ 1/32

☐ 1/64

☐ Lineal Descendancy

☐ Other Suggestion(s): _____

Please deposit your completed survey into the suggestion box.
Thank you for your participation!

Resolutions for the Month of June

- #24/09 Directs that the enrollment records of the Tribe shall be amended and corrected to reflect that the surname of a Tribal member be changed to the true legal name confirming the member's entry on the Chitimacha Tribal Roll on being ¼ degree of Chitimacha Indian Blood, and the records shall reflect the legal name as a member of the Tribe and eligible to enjoy all the rights and privileges thereof from the original enrollment date in 1995 and continuing thereafter.
- #25/09 Accepts the proposed Louisiana State Police Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, and disbursement pursuant to this budget shall only occur for expenses actually incurred and provided a Tribal-State Compact is, and remains, in effect, and authorizes Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, to execute and sign the budget request form.
- #26/09 Accepts and approves the Review Committee's (Nikina Vilcan, Council Member, Patty Perry, Chief Financial Officer, Brian Headley, Development Director, Tara Trahan, Administrative Compliance Specialist, and Tony Rohrer, Gaming Executive Director) selection for the retention of the Innovation Group to perform the identified services set forth in the Request For Proposals (RFP) for an independent evaluation of the Tribe's existing gaming operation's performance as well as the evaluation and feasibility study of the potential, if any, for facility expansion, inclusive of a hotel and other related retail facilities in conjunction with said Tribal gaming facilities; and designates and authorizes Nikina Vilcan, Council Member, and Patty Perry, Chief Financial Officer, to serve as Co-Liaisons, with the authority to prepare, finalize and execute a legal Agreement to provide the services required by the RFP and consistent with the representations set forth in the RFP response submitted by the Innovation Group; and further directs the Co-Liaisons to provide the Tribal Council with reasonable periodic status reports of the projects progress; and further said Tribal Council also authorizes said Co-Liaisons to utilize the expertise, institutional knowledge, experience and services of the Tribal Council, Tribal Gaming Commission, Gaming Facility Management and Operational Personnel, Tribal Development Office, Tribal Legal Counsel, and Tribal Government Administrative Staff on an as needed basis to assist, as necessary, the Innovation Group's efforts; and hereby also directs that the requested evaluation and feasibility study shall be completed no later than 90 days after execution of the contract, with a final report to be submitted to the Tribal Council at a date to be determined by said Council.
- #27/09 Authorizes Brian J. Headley, Development Director, to sign any and all documents pertaining to the listing, leasing and sale of properties within the Raintree Village Development.
- #28/09 Authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Tasia Burgess, to sign all checks drawn on all tribal accounts, effective July 1, 2009, and authorizes the Vice Chairman, John Paul Darden, as an alternate signature for checks drawn on the Program, Payroll and Health Plan Funds in the absence of the Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer, effective July 1, 2009, and authorizes the use of the mechanical device signatures and signature stamps as signatures and endorsements on the accounts.
- #29/09 Authorizes certain staff and/or Council Members to have individual access to the Safe Deposit Box on behalf of the Tribe, effective July 1, 2009.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



JUNE 2009

For the month of June 2009 the following traffic citations were issued—three for speeding and one for no driver's license.

Thirteen verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for June 2009:

06-10-09	One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated.
06-12-09	One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated and threatening a public official.
06-13-09	One male arrested for simple battery.
06-14-09	One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated and threatening a public official.
06-17-09	One male arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
06-21-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
06-21-09	One male arrested for domestic abuse battery.
06-28-09	One female arrested for remaining where forbidden and resisting an officer.

Congratulations to **Officer Jada Breaux** for her nomination as Employee of the Year for the January to March 2009 quarter. Keep up the good work!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The Chitimacha Police Department will hold their second National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 04, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Chitimacha Fire Department. Last year the 25th National Night Out Campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15, 000 communities from all 50 states, U. S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2008.

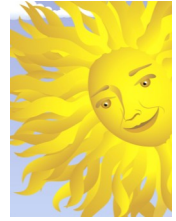
National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In 2008 the Chitimacha Police Department took part in this event for this first time and it was a huge success with over 150 people from the reservation and surrounding community attending. We are hoping to have a bigger attendance this year and open the lines of communication between law enforcement, the fire department, businesses, and citizens of the community. There will be refreshments, door prizes, fun jumps for the kids, music and all kinds of information available to those that attend.

Please mark your calendars and plan on coming out and enjoying this event.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

With the extremely hot days that we have been experiencing, just wanted to remind everyone of the following:



Introduction to heat exhaustion—heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Heat exhaustion symptoms—warning signs of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention and call 911 immediately if symptoms are severe or if the victim has heart problems or high blood pressure. Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

Heat exhaustion treatment—cooling measures that may be effective include cool, non-alcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician, rest, cool shower, bath or sponge bath, an air-conditioned environment and lightweight clothing.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!



On May 12, 2009, the Chitimacha Police Department and Cypress Bayou Casino hosted the Franklin Police Department Reserve Officers Academy Graduation at the Pavilion. Chitimacha Reserve Officer John Hidalgo was a graduate of the academy. A total of 23 reserve officers from Baldwin, Chitimacha, Franklin, Patterson and Morgan City Police Departments graduated from the 2009 Reserve Academy.

Pictured above from left to right is Lt. Brian Millet, Officer John Hidalgo and Chief of Police Blaise Smith.



On May 12, 2009, Officers Jada Breaux and Rosie Landry gave a Bicycle Safety Class at the Chitimacha Tribal School and helmets were given to the children that attended. During the first three weeks of June a bicycle helmet check was conducted on the reservation and children caught wearing their safety helmets were rewarded with a coupon for a free snowball at Candy's Kitchen.

Celsey Mora and Jadi Brown were observed always wearing their helmets when riding their bicycles and were rewarded with a coupon for a free snowball. During the summer months, with more bike riders on the roadways, the police department is encouraging everyone to put safety first and wear your safety helmets when operating your bicycles.

Pictured in the above photo is Celsey Mora and Jadi Brown who were observed wearing their helmets while riding their bicycles. Officer Jada Breaux rewarded them with a free snowball for a job well done in bicycle safety. Keep up the good work Celsey and Jadi!



News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief



Training: During the month of May employees Earl Tyler, Deborah Guardia and Clearance Clark attended a 3 day Meth Lab Recognition Awareness class in Meridian Miss., additionally, there are 3 employees scheduled to attend this class in August. These clandestine situations are considered a hazardous materials scene and can be a potentially dangerous situation for first responders.

LSU Fire Training Institute has conducted the following training at our department, Apparatus Pump Operations, Building Construction, and Ventilation. Hal Titus a Paramedic of Acadian Ambulance Service, conducted a training class on Diabetic Emergencies and instructed the use of a Diabetic Monitor. Employees also completed a EMT Refresher conducted by Jay Boudreaux of Acadian Ambulance Services. Vehicle Extrication Training was also conducted during this quarter.

Activities: CFP personnel are conducting hydrant maintenance, hose testing, fire prevention activities, fire extinguisher inspections, building inspections and occupancy fire pre-planning inspections. The daily duties of all personnel includes conducting a Daily Vehicle Service Check each shift.

The purpose of this procedure is for accountability of all housed apparatus equipment and to report any corrective maintenance as needed. Apparatus reports along with shift Daily Logs, Vehicle Service Checks, Run Reports and Training reports are all entered into the computer program during each shift.

Notices: On June 10, 2009, The Tribal Emergency Operations Committee conducted the annual plan review. The annual plan review is conducted to maintain plan awareness, review prior activations of the plan, and to include any revisions as deemed necessary. The committee consisted of the following personnel: Vice Chairman, Tricia Mora; Fire Chief, Rick Cook; Fire Captain, Kenneth Perry; CPD Lutienant, Brian Millet; Planning Department, Don Aymond and Public Works', Anthony Darden.

Emergency Activities: None to report @ this time.

Emergency Responses: March @ 18, April @ 27, May @ 33 and June @ 27.

Prevention is our Intention !

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

Carrie Saucier, Clerk of Court

Everything has been quite busy here at Tribal Courts. Tribal Council has recently appointed a new Appellate Court Panel consisting of Honorable C. Thomas Bienvenu, Jr., as Chief Judge, Honorable Anne L. Simon, and Honorable Walter J. Senette, Jr., as Associate Judges to preside on the Chitimacha Tribal Court of Appeals.

We have two (2) cases pending before the Tribal Court of Appeals currently scheduled to be heard on November 17th, 2009. Along with these cases, we have continued to conduct Court Sessions every two (2) weeks or if needed, held special sessions. Six (6) special emergency sessions have been conducted this year due to either Criminal Arraignments, Juvenile Initial Hearings, Children in Need of Care or Protective Order cases. A total of eighteen (18) Court Sessions have been held as of this date.

In addition to the approval of the Appellate Court Panel, the Tribal Council has appointed Christopher Mora, LDRC, RLSO, SE to revise the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice. Meetings are being conducted with the various departments to receive their recommendations for the Codial Revision Project.

Tribal Court recently received a grant to purchase new computers, a wide-panel television for the courtroom, ITI Court software program, new recording system, two copy machines, etc.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

MAY AND JUNE:

CASES: (69)

22 Civil Actions (12 Garnishments/4 CV Complaint/2 Petition to Make Judgment Executory and for Judgment Debtor Rule/1 Petition for Appointment of Independent Medical Examination/1 Petition for Damages/ 2 Petition for Exparte Restraining Orders)

31 Domestic (30 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/ 1 Petition for Change in Custody)

11 Traffic (9 CV TR Infractions/2 CR TR Infractions)

1 Juvenile

4 Criminal

0 Probate

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (1)

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (0)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN
MAY AND JUNE, 2009
(70)**

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: (JUNE)

Tribal Court conducted **three (3)** regular sessions during the month of **June**. The first regular session was scheduled for **June 2, 2009**, at which time **15** matters were scheduled to be heard. **2** matters were continued until later dates and **2** matters were dismissed.

(03) DOMESTIC

(01) TRAFFIC

(02) CIVIL

(05) JUVENILE

(04) CRIMINAL

A second regular session was scheduled for **June 16, 2009**, at which time **24** matters were scheduled to be heard; **11** matters were continued until later dates and **1** matter was dismissed.

- (06) DOMESTIC
- (06) TRAFFIC
- (02) CRIMINAL TRAFFIC
- (03) CIVIL
- (06) JUVENILE
- (01) CRIMINAL

A third regular session was scheduled for **June 30, 2009**, at which time **4** matters were scheduled to be heard. **2** matters were dismissed.

- (01) DOMESTIC
- (02) TRAFFIC
- (01) CIVIL

A total of **43** cases were scheduled to be heard during the month of **June**.

Our next regular session is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806**; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana. Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Tribal Court Staff



On July 1, 2009, Judge Cameron Simmons administered the Oaths of Office to all newly elected, re-elected and appointed candidates. The public and staff were all invited to the ceremony where cake was served to highlight the occasion. Pictured above is newly re-elected, Chief Lonnie Martin, as he is sworn in. Pictured above right is newly elected, Vice Chairman John Paul Darden, as he is sworn in. Pictured at right is newly appointed, School Board Member, Robert Vilcan and newly re-elected School Board Member, Jill Louviere. Not shown, is newly re-elected, School Board Member, Katherine "Kitty" Vilcan.



News from Yaamahana

by
Kathleen Flanagan

Summer is a busy time for the staff and children at Yaamahana. In June, our 2-5 year olds took swimming lessons at the Recreation Department and our 3-5 year olds took a field trip to the Children's Museum in Lafayette. The trip included a stop at McDonald's for lunch.

Our child care providers are working hard to make sure they are ready for our Quality Start Midpoint Review that should take place in July. The review is required to maintain our 4-star rating. Assessors will come to the center sometime during a two week period to assess two classrooms. They will randomly select an infant/toddler room, and a three or four-year-old room.

Registration/enrollment will take place the first two weeks in August. If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can pick up a packet at Yaamahana beginning August 3, 2009. We are confident that we will be able to accommodate most of the Tribal children currently on our waiting list when our new school year begins on August 17, 2009.

Yaamahana provides developmental screenings to Tribal children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5-years-old who are not attending our child care center. If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Francine Bonin at 923-0100.

Just a Note: Car seat safety and proper installation courses are offered from trained personnel through the Yaamahana Center. Copies of seat installation instructions are available at Yaamahana. Contact Kathleen Flanagan @ (337) 923-0100 for more information.



Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

July 2009



Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955.

Immunization Requirements

A new vaccination requirement effective for 2009-2010 school year. Get ready for the next school year early! Two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be required before entering kindergarten and pre-K.

Eleven (11) year old student's immunization: new meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine required. Check your records to assure all other required immunizations are up to date.

Clinic Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Physician Hours for patient appointments:

Physician schedule is as follows:

Monday - Tuesday from 9:00a.m.-12:00, & 1:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

**Please inform receptionist if you are unable to schedule appointment before 5:00pm due to work schedule/other, clinic will accommodate patients & schedule appointments on Monday or Tuesday after 5:00pm as needed.*

Wednesday- Thursday - 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Friday - 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Contract Health Service:

Services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

ALERT: PARENTS OF MEDICAID CHILDREN

By: Ann Olds

Please be informed that when the Health Clinic became eligible to provide services to Medicaid eligible children, a waiver was requested from Medicaid for American Indians so your children would not be required to have a preferred provider. Having a preferred provider means that you should see only that one doctor except in an emergency. With the waiver from Medicaid, you are allowed to bring your child to any doctor that accepts Medicaid. Currently there is a trend with many of our Medicaid children now having a Preferred Provider. When you bring your children to our Health Clinic, we must request a referral from the Preferred Provider. If it is not an emergency the Preferred Provider can deny the referral. That means the Clinic does not receive payment from Medicaid.

You may be contacted periodically if your child has a Preferred Provider. We are requesting that you call the local Medicaid office at 828-2649 and tell them that your child is a Native American Indian and inform them that you are not required to select a Preferred Provider. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information contact Ann Olds, 337-923-9955.



Judith's Diabetic Corner

Judith Dupuis, Dietician/Certified Diabetes Educator

Fighting diabetes together!

Contact Judith on Wednesdays @ 337-923-9955 ext. 3011

Here's something we tried recently at Rivercane. It's an occasional food that could be worked into a Sunday morning.

English Muffin Breakfast Sandwiches taken from "Diabetic Cooking"

2 English Muffins, split into halves and toasted (we used whole wheat muffins)
2 tablespoons plain fat-free yogurt
1 tablespoon spicy brown or Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon dried tarragon or basil
4 slices Canadian bacon
4 large tomato slices (about ¼ inch thick)
2 slices (1 ounce each) reduced-fat Swiss cheese, cut crosswise into halves
4 poached eggs, warm
Paprika (optional)

- ♦ Preheat broiler
- ♦ Place muffin halves on baking sheet or broiler pan.
- ♦ Combine yogurt, mustard and tarragon in small bowl; stir until well blended. Spread one-fourth of yogurt mixture evenly over each muffin half. Top each muffin half with bacon and tomato slice.
- ♦ Top each tomato slice with cheese slice half. Place muffin halves on broiler pan; broil 4 inches from heat source 1 minute or until cheese begins to brown slightly. Top with poached eggs. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired.

Makes 4 servings

Dietary Exchanges

1 starch, 2 ½ lean meat, ½ fat

Nutrients

Calories 233

Total Fat 9 grams

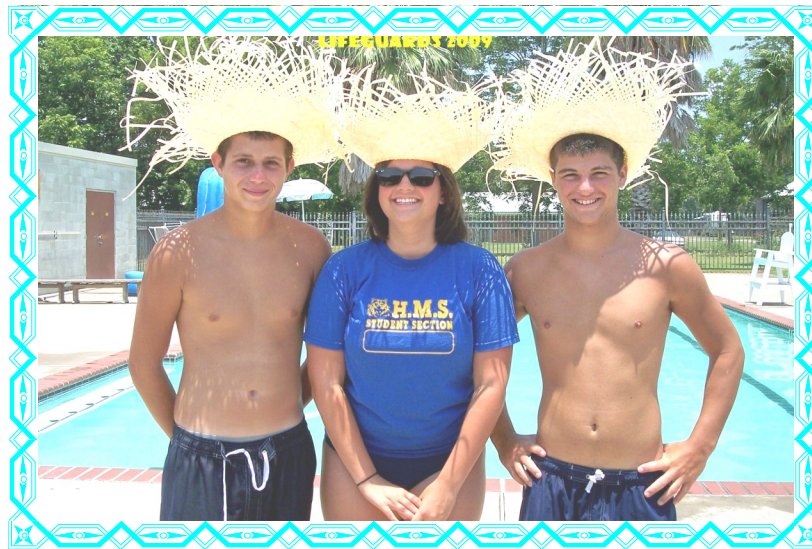
Carbohydrate 17 grams (this is if you eat only one half a muffin)



Recreation Newsletter

July 2009

Pool: The pool has been visited frequently this year by lots of families as well as kids during lifeguarding hours. Lifeguards have been putting up the slide for an added attraction during the hours of 1-4 PM. It seems to have been a big hit. Lifeguards treated the swimmers to snowballs one hot afternoon. Lifeguards this summer include: Hannah LaGarde, Ariel Marsh, Lindsey Martin, Dustin Bobbitt, Philbert Schexnaider, Jake Gaddy, and Kole Fluke. Pictured are three of our guards.



Swim Lessons: A two-week swim session was held for 63 participants between the ages of 2 and 10. Skill levels progressed from water exploration in the kiddie pool to stroke refinement in the older ages. This session resulted in improved swim skills and life saving skills. Life jacket safety was taught within the session. Thanks to our lead instructors, Kathy Sanders, Shayna Hines, Theresa Lombardo, Perfect Dominique and Trace Hebert, along with Mrs. Jeri. Also thanks to our assistant instructors, Maggie Darden, Hannah LaGarde, Ariel Marsh, and Lindsey Martin. Some swim lesson groups are pictured.



Swim Team: Swim Team was a success again this year. With 55 participants, we competed against New Iberia Aquatics for two swim meets held on June 18th and 24th. We ended with a swim party on June 25th. The kids enjoyed door prizes, hot dogs and cookies. The 2009 Swim Team is pictured.



Summer Day Camp: The kids are having lots of fun this summer. They've traveled to the movies a couple times, visited Kaboom sprinkler park in Bayou Vista, took a nature ride to the levee and boat landing under the escort of Chief Blaise Smith, Brian Millet, and Jake Darden, participated in a karate clinic, along with bike riding, swimming fun, games in the gym, and many other activities. This year's camp has 29 kids ranging from Kindergarten to Fifth grade. We'd like to thank Mrs. Beth McGeary for taking on the task of cooking breakfast and lunch for the campers this summer and for preparing some delicious meals and snacks. A special thanks to Mrs. Carla, Ms. Kenzala, and Ms. Angelle for all their hard work in planning the camp and supervising the day to day activities. Thanks to our summer youth workers for helping with the camp again this year. And we cannot forget the Police Department for providing transportation and supervision for the Nature ride. Our campers are pictured.





CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NOTICE

First day of school for the
2009-2010 school year:

Monday, August 10th

This is a ***full day*** of school!

New Students:

please register as soon as possible!

Documents needed:

Social Security Card

Birth Certificate

Up-to-date Immunization Record

(check your child's immunization record - your child may be
in need of immunizations. ***Immunizations must be
up-to-date upon enrollment!***)

If you have any questions, please call CTS @ (337)923-9960
Summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Supply lists were sent home in May.

They are also available at CTS and at Wal-Mart.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION

This is the public release sent to The Chitimacha Newsletter
in July, 2009 . These groups must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes
in existing programs.

The Chitimacha Tribal School today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served
under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program(s). CTS has a copy of the policy,
which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

Eligibility Criteria		
Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$14,079	\$20,036
2	\$18,941	\$26,955
3	\$23,803	\$33,874
4	\$28,665	\$40,793
5	\$33,527	\$47,712
6	\$38,389	\$54,631
7	\$43,251	\$61,550
8	\$48,113	\$68,469
For each additional family Member add:	+4,862	+6,919

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or
reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households.
To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out one application for the household
and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at CTS. Applications may be submitted at
any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential; it will be used
for the purpose of determining eligibility. Information may be verified at any time during the school
year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, each household that is now receiving Food Stamps or
that is on the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) must provide its Food
Stamp case number or FITAP number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All
other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household
members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or
the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member
does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security, etc.) each
household member receives; how often the person receives the income; where it is from, such as
wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the
information provided is correct.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may be eligible for benefits. If a household has foster children and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

School Food Authorities that use direct certification benefits should add the following paragraph with appropriate changes:

Households that receive Food Stamps or FITAP benefits are not required to complete an application. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp/FITAP office, which will certify that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamps or an assistance unit receiving FITAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility. Households who are notified of their eligibility but do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp and FITAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by August 21, 2009.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Mary Naquin (Determining Official) will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make either an oral or written response to the following:

Name: Tanya Rosamond, Principal
Address: 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544
Phone Number: 337-923-9960

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Revised 4/09



News From the : Chitimacha Election Board



Qaxtiqi Fellow Tribal Members:

Just to give you some information from our headquarters, we are pleased that another election season was conducted successfully. We would also like to thank those who participated in this past election. You will find a copy of the Official Results of Election on the next page.

Revised Ordinance Update: As you may know, Tribal Council authorized the Election Board to make revisions to the Tribal Election Ordinance earlier in December 2008; and in January, the Council approved the final draft and it was sent off for approval to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The revised ordinance will take effect pursuant to the approval of the BIA; we have yet to receive their written consent.

A few pointers that we would like to address to current and future voters of the Tribe:

Voter Registration: Please be advised that we register voters year round, however, in order to vote in the upcoming election, you must be registered at least two (2) weeks — **or should we receive approval from the BIA**, three (3) weeks, prior to the opening of Absentee voting. Remember, to be eligible to vote in the Chitimacha Tribal Elections you must be at least 18 years of age at the time of registration, and must be an enrolled member of the Tribe as defined by Article III Section I of the Constitution of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

Proper Identification: We had some issues regarding the identification of voters that were presented to the board during the election. Be advised that valid identification is required. This includes a valid driver's license containing a photo & matching signature of the individual or other generally recognized picture identification. Unfortunately, we do not accept Casino Gaming Badges, fishing/hunting licenses or State issued voter identification cards. Any identification presented to the Election Board must be **current and unexpired, no exceptions**. We understand that the Tribe is a small community and we are in a way all related, on the other hand, our Tribe has greatly expanded and we regret to inform that in some cases, we do not recognize some of the registered voters by face. Thus, we cannot make exceptions in accepting invalid and/or expired identification for those we see everyday without making the same exception for those whom we do not recognize.

In summation of this article, we would like to thank you for your previous concerns and thought this information could be useful to you and your family. We welcome each Tribal member ages 18 & over and are open to any questions, suggestions, and/or comments that you may have concerning the Election Board. You may contact our office or any member of the Chitimacha Tribal Council. Until next time, Nito!

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CHITIMACHA

TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

CHITIMACHA ELECTION BOARD

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION

June 13, 2009
(Date of Election)

Absentee Amend.
Ballots Issued: 150
Absentee Amend.
Ballots Received: 47
Absentee Amend.
Ballots Spoiled: 0
Absentee Amend.
Ballots Counted: 103

Absentee Office
Ballots Issued: 200
Absentee Office
Ballots Received: 50
Absentee Office
Ballots Spoiled: 0
Absentee Office
Ballots Counted: 150

Official Office
Ballots Issued: 275
Official Office
Ballots Received: 275
Official Office
Ballots Spoiled: 0
Official Office
Ballots Counted: 275

Official Amend.
Ballots Issued: 255
Official Amend.
Ballots Received: 255
Official Amend.
Ballots Spoiled: 0
Official Amend.
Ballots Counted: 255

Total Amend. Ballots Counted: 302

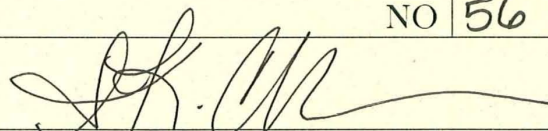
Total Office Ballots Counted: 325

Candidates	Votes
Chairman	
★ Lonnie L. Martin (Incumbent)	<u>222</u>
O'Neil J. Darden, Jr.	<u>90</u>
Arthur T. (Twonations) Lightell, Sr.	<u>11</u>

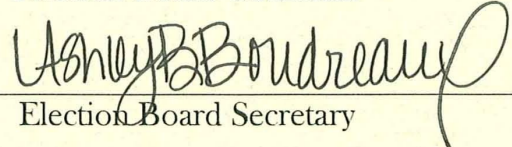
Candidates	Votes
School Board	
Jill Proctor Louviere (Incumbent)	<u>254</u> ★
Katherine "Kitty" Vilcan (Incumbent)	<u>236</u> ★
Clifford Burgess	<u>84</u>
Georgia Ann Hurst	<u>35</u>

Candidates	Votes
Vice Chairman	
★ Tricia Mora (Incumbent)	<u>148</u>
John Paul Darden	<u>172</u>

Other	Votes
Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Article V: Governing Body - Subsection 3: Forfeiture of Office	
YES	<u>165</u> ★
NO	<u>56</u>



Election Board Chairman



Election Board Secretary

CEB#010A

Revised June 12, 2009

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BOARD VACANCY

ASSOCIATE GAMING COMMISSIONER

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint an Associate Gaming Commissioner to fill a term that will expire on July 30, 2012. A monthly stipend will be provided. Interviews will be conducted of interested applicants.

Scope: The Associate Commissioners, together with the Commission Chairman, are the policy making board for the Gaming Commission.

Qualifications: Candidate must be an enrolled member of the Chitimacha Tribe. Prior to appointment, a background investigation will be conducted in order to assure that the candidate meets all licensing standards applicable to anyone seeking a Tribal gaming license. No member of the Tribal Gaming Commission or any member of their immediate family may be employed by Cypress Bayou Casino without specific Commission approval nor participate in any gaming activity offered by the Tribe.

Responsibilities: Attend monthly meetings and license hearings. Participate in review of the Tribal/State Compact, Commission Regulations and Internal Control for Class III Gaming in preparation for taking appropriate Commission action as needed and regarding licensing of vendors and employees. Vote on the adoption of the budget and all regulations, procedures and policies of the commission. Be on call for review of vouchers, receipts and to sign checks when appropriate and if necessary to respond to any emergency situation. Participate in training to increase skills and knowledge of the gaming industry.

Please send a resume' by 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2009, to:

Chitimacha Tribal Council
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

Basic Information About Snakebites

Death from snakebite is rare. Snakebites still occur and knowing what to do is important for anyone who spends time in areas where venomous snakes are found.

- **Precautions:** Always wear protective clothing when hiking in rugged areas and never go alone. Wear gloves if possible and don't stick your hands under rock ledges, logs or stumps. Sturdy, high boots are preferred footwear. Stay on paths or trails and watch where you walk. If you discover a venomous snake, don't try to catch or harass it. Venomous snakes are a fascinating part of our environment. They are easy to observe and make easy subjects to photograph with an appropriate lens. Be familiar with the venomous snakes of Louisiana. Learn to recognize the harmless snakes that resemble potentially dangerous ones. For example, Northern Water Snakes frequently are mistaken for Copperheads and Cottonmouths.
- **If you are bitten by a snake:** Was the snake venomous? If you know you have been bitten by a harmless snake, it will save you much stress and eliminate the need for treatment. Many people are bitten by harmless snakes each year and experience nothing but small scratches that readily heal. If you are certain a venomous snake was involved, get to the nearest hospital or medical facility as quickly as possible. If possible, notify them ahead of time via telephone of your situation. This gives the physician time to prepare and call the nearest poison information center for advice.

The [Louisiana Poison and Drug Information Center](#) in Monroe (800-256-9822) maintains a list of which types of antivenins (sometimes called antivenoms) are available and can advise a physician where to call in the event of a bite from a venomous snake.

- **If bitten by a venomous snake:**
 - Stay calm.
 - Treat for shock.
 - Drive to nearest hospital or medical facility.
 - Do not attempt to kill or capture the snake. It gives the snake another opportunity to bite.
 - Do not use a tourniquet. If tied too tight, it may cause the loss of a limb.
 - Do not make cuts through or near the site of the bite.
 - Do not try to suck venom from the site of the bite. You might have a tooth cavity or gum sore and this would place venom into that wound.
 - Do not allow anyone, including a physician, to administer antivenin to you UNLESS you have FIRST been tested to determine whether or not you are allergic to antivenin.

Regional Poison Information Centers are also important sources of information.

If you are not from Louisiana, you may call the U.S. Poison Control 1-800-222-1222 or Log onto www.KeepKidsHealthy.com/welcome/poison_control.html

Louisiana Drug and Poison Information Center
University of Louisiana at Monroe
College of Pharmacy, Sugar Hall
Monroe, LA 71209-6430
Emergency Phone: (800) 256-9822 (LA only)

Director: Dr. Ronald M. Dick.
School of Pharmacy, Room 152
Monroe, LA 71209
Telephone: 318/362-5393 FAX: 318/342-1744
E-Mail: pydick@alpha.nlu.edu

Or;
Houma
Terrebonne General Medical Center
Drug and Poison Information Center
936 East Main Street
Houma, LA 70360
(504) 873-4069

:Venemous Snake Pics:



Cotton Mouth



Pigmy, or Ground Rattler (Tiny Snake)



Coral



Copperhead

CHIMP EDEN

Eugene Cussons rescues chimpanzees. Orphaned by those in the business of bush-meat trade and taken from the jungle as infants, many have lived their entire lives confined in a space smaller than a prison cell. When Cussons arrives to take them to the game reserve he calls "Chimp Eden," he often finds them hostile and untrusting.

"These chimps don't realize that I am one of the good guys," Cussons says. When he tries to put them into a smaller crate for the trip to their new home, they put up quite a fight. "They don't know that I'm going to take them back to Chimp Eden and give them a life so much better."

On a much grander scale, God's offer to liberate us from the slavery of sin is often met with resistance. When He rescued the children of Israel from Egypt, God took them through difficult places that caused them to doubt His good intentions. "Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" they cried (Numbers 14:3).

On our journey of faith, there are times when the "freedom" of sin that we left behind is more appealing than the restrictions of faith that lie ahead. We must trust the protective boundaries found in God's Word as the only way to get to the place of ultimate freedom. ---Julie Ackerman Link

*Sin's lure may look like freedom
But in its grip we're bound;
It's when we're bound to Jesus
Real freedom will be found. --D. De Haan*

Our country is going through tough times right now. God is calling us to repentance. Please join us, in humbling ourselves and praying for our country.

Service times are: Sunday 9 am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service Intercessory Prayer 6 pm.

We love you all! May God Bless you and keep you.

Bro. Orien Butaud and the Chitimacha Outreach Family.

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